

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the present amendment and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-7 are presently active in this case. The present amendment amends Claims 2, 3, 5, and 7, and cancels Claim 1. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, in original Claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added.

The outstanding Office Action objected to the Abstract because of informalities; and rejected Claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,529,065 to Kraft (herein "Kraft").

Claims 2-6 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter. In response, Claim 2 is rewritten in independent form, incorporating the subject matter of Claim 1. Additionally, Claim 7 is amended to depend from Claim 2. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 2, and Claims 3-7 which depend therefrom, are allowable.

In response to the objection to the Abstract, the Abstract is amended to delete the term "comprises," as suggested in the outstanding Office Action. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding objection to the Abstract be withdrawn.

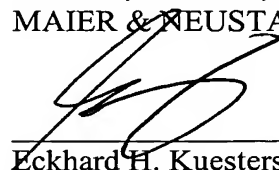
In response to the rejection of Claims 1 and 7 as anticipated by Kraft, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is moot. As discussed above, Claim 1 is canceled, and Claim 7 is amended to depend from allowable Claim 2. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejection of Claims 1 and 7 be withdrawn.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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